

**RESOLUTION**  
**of the**  
**MINNEAPOLIS COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Minneapolis is committed to preventing and prohibiting discrimination in public institutions, accommodations, and services, as shown by its public policy; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Minneapolis has a large and vibrant immigrant population, many of whom are undocumented; and

**WHEREAS**, Minneapolis is a committed Welcoming City<sup>1</sup> as shown by City Ordinances prohibiting city officials and public safety personnel from using City resources to detect a person's legal status or to apprehend them based solely on their suspected legal status; and

**WHEREAS**, the recent "zero tolerance" federal immigration policy, through its legalization of discriminatory, inhumane treatment, contributes to an image of immigrants that is degrading, dehumanizing, and hateful; and

**WHEREAS**, this "zero-tolerance" policy has resulted in the detention of nearly 3,000 minors, most of whom have been separated from their families by federal officials<sup>2</sup>; and

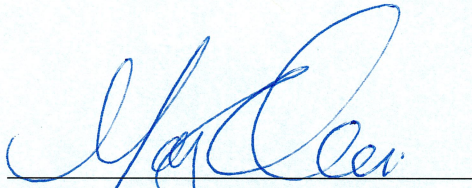
**WHEREAS**, at least 7,000 people affirmed their condemnation of this policy on June 30, 2018 by marching in the Families Belong Together protest through downtown Minneapolis<sup>3</sup>; and

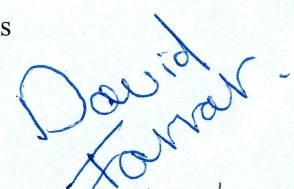
**WHEREAS**, this Commission is committed to ensuring that all residents of Minneapolis are free from bias, hate, and discrimination, regardless of immigration status,

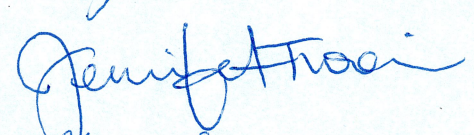
**Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that:**

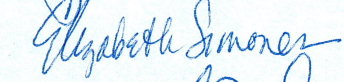
The Minneapolis Commission on Civil Rights hereby states publicly its opposition to the federal government's "zero tolerance" immigration policies and urges the people of Minneapolis to advocate for the reform of those policies to ensure that they respect the fundamental dignity of all persons, regardless of immigration status.

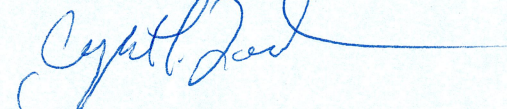
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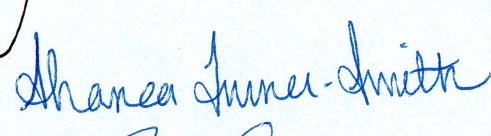
  
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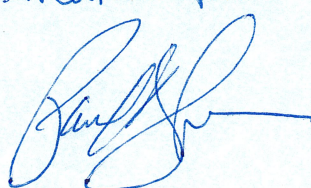
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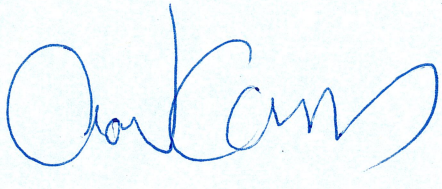
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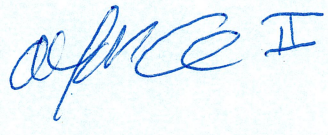
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<sup>1</sup> Welcoming America, *Welcoming Cities & Counties*, <https://www.welcomingamerica.org/programs/member-municipalities>.  
<sup>2</sup> Caitlin Dickerson, Miriam Jordan, Ron Nixon, *'I Want Her Back': Some Migrant Families Reunite, but Other Parents Grow Desperate*, New York Times, July 12, 2018, <https://www.nytimes.com/2018/07/12/us/trump-migrants-children-border.html>.  
<sup>3</sup> Miguel Otárola and Liz Sawyer, *Thousands join Minneapolis march opposing immigration policies*, Star-Tribune, July 2, 2018, <http://www.startribune.com/thousands-join-minneapolis-march-opposing-family-separations-at-border/487024381/>.